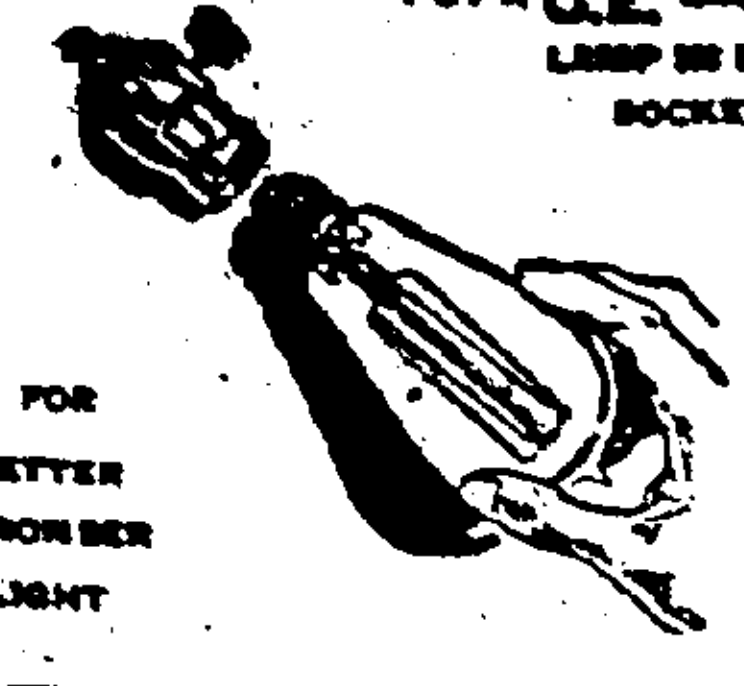


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PEACE CONFERENCE.

INTERIM REPORT ON REPARATION.

Paris, April 11.
The first interim report of the second Sub-Committee of the Peace Conference on Reparation, dealing with the financial capacity of the States and means of payment, was adopted on Tuesday.—*American Wireless.*

DAMAGE VALUATION.

Paris, April 11.
The Commission concerned has decided to present its report to the first Commission on the categories of damage and method of valuation to the General Secretary of the Peace Conference.—*American Wireless.*

POLAND'S CLAIMS.

Paris, April 11.
M. Paderewski, Premier of Poland, appeared before the Council of Four on Wednesday and presented the claims of Poland.—*American Wireless.*

U. S. OFFICERS ORDERED TO REPORT.

Washington, April 11.
Col. Robert H. Sillmann and Col. Joseph D. Deitch, have been ordered to report to Major-General Graves, Commanding the American forces in Siberia.—*American Wireless.*

TELEGRAPHIC INTERRUPTION IN UNITED STATES.

San Francisco, April 11.
A heavy sleet-storm over Nebraska, Kansas and Texas interrupted all telegraphic communications between the Pacific Coast and the Eastern States of the United States on Wednesday morning.—*American Wireless.*

PRESIDENT WILSON'S HOMEWARD JOURNEY.

Paris, April 11.
President Wilson has ordered the transport George Washington to depart for France at the earliest time possible.

The Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Mr. F. Roosevelt, has announced that the transport George Washington would leave on Friday, April 18th.—*American Wireless.*

ALLIED INVASION OF ODESSA.

Paris, April 11.
The invasion of the last seaport of Odessa by the Allied forces is confirmed officially.—*American Wireless.*

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

A SINGAPORE REPORT DENIED.

Singapore, April 11.
The Surveyor General of Ships denies the report regarding the visit of a party of engineers to Java to survey the German ships there.

THE AERIAL ROUTE TO AUSTRALIA.

Singapore, April 11.
General Borton, interviewed on leaving for Java ports, said his visit in connection with the aerial route to Australia had been satisfactory, but he could say nothing definite for publication.

A SINGAPORE MURDER CASE.

Singapore, April 11.
One of the eight prisoners who recently broke gaol has been recaptured. He was originally charged with attempted murder, but the victim dying since he escaped, he is now charged with murder.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE RUSSIAN SITUATION.

A DANGER AVERTED.

London, April 7.
The War Office states that according to later information from Murmansk the immediate danger of a Finnish-Karelian rising has been averted.

APPEAL FOR BRITISH VOLUNTEERS.

London, April 8.
The War Office has issued an appeal for immediate volunteers for the North Russia Relief Force, which it states will consist mainly of trained soldiers, including demobilised and discharged men. Men re-enlisting must be fit for general service and be over nineteen. Ex-soldiers will be given their previous rank and the pay will be same as the armies of occupation. The maximum period of enlistment is a year, but no man re-enlisting will be kept longer than required for this special service, on the completion of which all men will be given two months' furlough on full pay.

ENEMY OFFENSIVE FORECASTED.

London, April 9.
A British North Russia official message says: On the Archangel sector, it is believed the enemy is preparing a further offensive on the railway front.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE PEACE DISCUSSIONS.

THE LATEST OPINIONS.

Paris, April 7.
It is expected that the question of reparations will be settled at another four or five sittings of the Council.
French diplomatic circles are of opinion that the peace preliminaries may apply not merely to Germany but to other enemy countries as well.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE PEACE QUESTION.

PRESIDENT WILSON AND FRENCH CLAIMS.

Paris, April 8.
"Liberte" declares that President Wilson is still bedridden. He has adhered, through Colonel House, to the essential points of the French financial claims.

OTHER ITEMS.

Paris, April 9.
President Wilson's order for the steamer George Washington to come over to Brest for his return to the United States means that in his opinion the main lines of peace covering his principles can be settled within ten days. Besides, his presence in the United States is urgently needed.
Germany will be asked to pay a sum of one milliard pounds in 1919 and 1920. An inter-Allied Commission after 1920 will decide upon the whole sum to be exacted from Germany.

The Paris Municipality strongly supports the suggestion that Paris should be the headquarters of the League of Nations. The French Government is passive, not taking sides.

The "Temps" publishes a letter from the Japanese Deputy Nagashima insisting on the immediate conclusion of peace, including circumstantial stipulations concerning the settlement of the questions of frontiers, indemnity and punishment of the perpetrators of crimes against the nations. The study of the Nations League would come afterwards.

A DENIAL.

Later.
The rumour of the early departure of President Wilson, mentioned by some American newspapers, is absolutely contradicted.

AFFAIRS IN GERMANY.

Berlin, April 7.
The Bavarian Government has gone to Nuremberg. Herr Hoffman, the Premier, announced that the Government has not retired but has merely transferred its seat from Munich. The Social Democratic parties, which are still sitting at Nuremberg, voted yesterday by 42 to 8 against the Soviet Republic. The newspapers of Berlin opine that a crisis has been reached. It is a trial of strength between North and South Bavaria, also between the Communists with the Independents and Majority Socialists. Sanginary collisions are anticipated. A telegram from Copenhagen points out that the Bavarian Government is non-existent as at least two members of the Government, Simon and Unterlechner, have joined the Soviet movement, being included in the provisional list of people's Commissioners, with Tushon, Segitz and others.

The Soviet transformation of the Bavarian Republic is considered calmly by the French press, they only remarking that close union between the Allies is necessary.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE AND INDEMNITIES.

London, April 9.
The Press Bureau says that replying to a telegram from members of the House of Commons concerning indemnities Mr. Lloyd George has telegraphed to Mr. Kennedy Jones as follows: "My colleagues and I mean to stand faithfully by all the pledges given to our constituencies. We are prepared at any moment to submit to the judgment of Parliament and, if necessary, of the country. Our efforts are loyally to redeem our promises."

M. CLEMENCEAU'S ASSAILANT.

Paris, April 8.
M. Poincare has commuted the death sentence, on Cotin, M. Clemenceau's assailant, to ten years imprisonment.

FRENCH HOURS OF LABOUR.

Paris, April 8.
The Labour Minister introduced in the French Chamber a bill drawn up in agreement with the employers' and workmen's representatives, limiting work in commerce and industry to eight hours' only or forty-eight hours weekly.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

Paris, April 8.
At the instance of the Chinese delegation the French newspapers publish extracts from the Peking Government's protest claiming the annulment of Japan's 21 demands of 1915.

THE KAISER'S FUTURE.

Paris, April 9.
There are indications of the decision of the Peace Conference to secure the extradition of the Kaiser from Holland with a view to his future detention under the restraint of the Allies.

DOGS AND POULTRY.

TO-DAY'S SHOW.

The fourth annual show of the Hongkong Dog and Poultry Association was held to-day, at Happy Valley. There was a record number of entries, both of dogs and poultry and some very fine dogs and birds were exhibited, making the task of judging very difficult. At the close of the judging, Lady Rees Davies gracefully presented the special prizes to the winners, for which service she was appropriately thanked. The officials were:—

Patrons.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. Claude Severn, C.M.G.), His Honour Sir Wm. Rees Davies, Kt.

Committee.—The Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. H. J. Geddes, Dr. Forsyth, Mr. Leo Longinotto, Mr. F. H. Dillon, Mr. J. C. Wong, Mr. E. V. M. de Sousa, Mr. J. F. MacCarthy, Sgt. W. Pitt, H.K.P. and Mr. M. S. Northcote.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.—Mr. G. W. Gegg.

Special Stewards.—Messrs. B. L. Frost and F. H. Dillon.

Judges.—Dogs.—Mr. A. Gibson, M.R.C.V.S., Mr. H. J. Geddes, Mr. G. W. Gegg, Mr. J. F. MacCarthy. Poultry.—Mr. J. F. MacCarthy.

The Guarantors were:—The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Dr. Linday Woods and Messrs. H. J. Geddes, M. S. Northcote, G. W. Gegg, G. H. Wilson, Leo Longinotto, J. F. MacCarthy, W. Pitt, J. C. Wong, F. H. Dillon, B. L. Frost, W. Ward and A. Gibson.

Prizes were presented by Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Sir Ellis Kadoorie, Hon. Mr. D. Landale, Dr. G. P. Jordan and Messrs. M. S. Northcote, N. J. Stabb, H. J. Geddes, H. P. White, T. F. Hough, C. E. Warren, D. M. Ross, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, and the Hongkong Poultry Association.

POULTRY.

White Leghorn Cocks.—1, Mr. F. H. Dillon; 2, Mr. J. G. Kynoch; 3, Mrs. Makeham.

White Leghorn Hens.—1, Mrs. M. B. Frost; 2, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin; 3, Mr. F. H. Dillon; extra 3rd, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin.

Black Orpington Cocks.—1, Mr. J. C. Wong; 2, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin.

Black Orpington Hens.—1, and v.h.c., Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin.

Game Cocks (Any Variety).—1 and v.h.c., Mr. Abdul Karim.

Game Hens (Any Variety).—1, Mr. Abdul Karim.

Plymouth Rock Cocks.—1, Mr. J. C. Wong; 2, J. G. Kynoch; v.h.c., Mr. C. D. Wilkinson.

Plymouth Rock Hens.—Mr. C. D. Wilkinson; 2, Mr. B. Basto; 3, Mr. J. C. Wong.

Langshan Hens.—1, Mr. J. G. Kynoch.

Unclassified Cocks.—1, Mr. E. V. M. de Sousa; 2, Mr. J. G. Kynoch; twice commended, Mr. J. C. Wong.

Unclassified Hens.—1, Mrs. E. M. Dyer; 2, Mrs. R. M. Dyer; 3, Mr. E. V. M. de Sousa; commended, Mr. J. C. Wong.

White Leghorn Pens.—1, Mrs. M. B. Frost; 2, Mr. F. H. Dillon; 3, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin.

Black Orpington Pens.—1, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin.

Game (Any Variety) Pens.—1, Mr. Abdul Karim.

Plymouth Rock Pen.—1, Mr. J. C. Wong; 2, Mr. C. D. Wilkinson.

Unclassified Pens.—1, Mr. J. G. Kynoch.

Aggregate Prize.—A special prize presented by the Hongkong Poultry Association for poultry exhibitors, counting 4 points for firsts, 2 points for seconds, 1 point for thirds.—1, Mr. Kynoch, 14 pts; 2, Mr. Wong and Mr. Dowbiggin, 13 pts each.

ATROCITY TRIALS.

DEATH PENALTY FOR SINKING HOSPITAL SHIPS.

Rear-Admiral Sir Reginald Hall, a member of the committee which is considering the punishment of Germans who have committed atrocities on land and sea, made some interesting disclosures in opening his election campaign in the West Derby Division of Liverpool recently.

The committee, he said, had already drafted its method of procedure. It recognised that there were two classes of offenders—the perpetrator of the deed and the higher authority who ordered it. They had to treat both with justice and no mercy. In the case of the hospital ship Llandovery Castle, for instance, the man who sank her would be brought to trial. He would be defended by counsel in open court and if convicted he would die.

A man who was found guilty of an atrocity against humanity—not against international law, but against the laws of civilisation—would have to prove that he obeyed superior orders or suffer. If he proved that he obeyed orders, then they would proceed against the higher authorities—it did not matter how high, Great Britain's arm was long enough to reach them.

MANILA'S AERIAL POST.

Four mailing stations will be established at various parts of Manila by the Bureau of Posts for the mailing of matter which has received the first aerial mail stamp of the Philippines last week-end when Miss Ruth Low took the first mail sack aloft with her. Special post cards, bearing the picture of the famous aviatrice, had been printed and mailed in large numbers at the stations that are to be established.

Not for Competition.—Besides the above, there were many fine exhibits shown, not for competition, by the Victoria Experimental Farm (Mr. Leo Longinotto), which were greatly admired.

DOGS.

Fox Terriers.—1, Mr. A. H. Taylor's "Dunadoo Darkie"; 2, Mr. C. L. Howell's "Priscilla."

Bull Dogs.—1, Mr. J. C. Wildin's "Mike"; 2, Mr. J. C. Wildin's "Nannie"; 3, Mr. G. H. Wilson's "William Caracacus"; h.c., Mr. A. Ritchie's "Jack."

Airedales.—1, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin's "Unnamed."

Bull Terriers.—1, Mr. Leo Longinotto's "Ch. Ricardo Belle"; h.c., Mrs. W. J. Hill's "Ricardo."

Chow Dogs.—1, Mr. P. T. Farrell's "Boris"; 2, Mrs. G. Morrison's "Sandy"; 3, Mrs. W. M. Johnston's "Punch."

Pointers.—1, Mr. J. G. Kynoch's "Prince"; 2, Mr. Henry Humphreys' "Victoria Tiny"; 3, Mr. R. de Journal's "Flora."

Setters.—1, Mr. J. M. Xavier's "Judge"; 2, Mr. J. M. Xavier's "Snow"; 3, Mr. Henry Humphreys' "Jammy."

Japanese.—1, Miss Wildin's "Peggy"; 2, Miss Quarles Van Ufford's "Jimmie"; 3, Miss A. Floyd's "O Here San"; h.c., Mr. Wm. Wotherspoon's "Tolaw."

Spaniels.—1, Capt. Mitchell's "Sanny."

Breeds not catalogued.—1, Mr. W. Ward's "Rex" (Samoyede); 2, Mr. Weyler's "Binki" (Alsatian Police Dog).

Championship for Best Dog in Show (any breed).—Mr. A. H. Taylor's fox terrier "Dunadoo Darkie."

Championship for Best Bitch in Show (any breed).—Mr. Leo Longinotto's bull terrier "Ch. Ricardo Belle."

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 3s. 3.15-16d.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(With Tsz Yat Po Service)

Peking, April 11.

President Wilson's letter to the Philippine Commissioners regarding independence, and the creation of a Provisional Government by the Koreans, have brought about a complete change in the attitude of the military parties in Peking. Chu Shu-tsang resigns, and the President announces that in the future Administrative policy will entirely conform to public opinion. Official circles are confident that early peace may be expected between North and South.

The question of how China lost Formosa, raised by the foreign Press, is reflecting greatly on Japan.

Shanghai, April 11.

Japan lodges a strong protest against the Ammunition Loan contracted by Chang King-yin (Hunan Tschun) with a certain American firm.

The Ministry of Finance has hypothecated five millions worth of new domestic bonds with a certain Japanese bank, with monthly interest of 12 per cent, and redemption within four months.

Yesterday's formal meeting of the Peace Conference resumed the discussion on the military question, during which the method of how to reduce the number of soldiers was first brought up. A certain delegate made the following proposal:—First, to reduce to the number during the 5th year of Republic; secondly, to the number during the 3rd year of the Republic; thirdly, to the number during the last year of the Manchurian regime, when there were only 21 divisions. He also urged that the military expenses should not exceed one-third of the total of annual revenue, the disbanded soldiers to be sent to the frontiers by the Government to cultivate land or construct railways and open canals, or be sent abroad as emigrants, the disbandment to be directed by an equal number of delegates appointed by the North and South. As it may be necessary to borrow money from abroad for disbandment expenses, it may be advisable to allow a financier to supervise the disbandment. The meeting finally decided to refer the matter to a Committee, to which two delegates from each side have already been appointed.

DAY BY DAY.

St. Stephen's College Association has been exempted from registration under the Societies Ordinance.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 29th March amounted to 78,414 tons and the sales during the period, to 51,945 tons.

It is notified that His Honour the Chief Justice has ordered that the next Criminal Sessions for the despatch of the business of the Court shall be held on Friday, the 25th of April, 1919, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

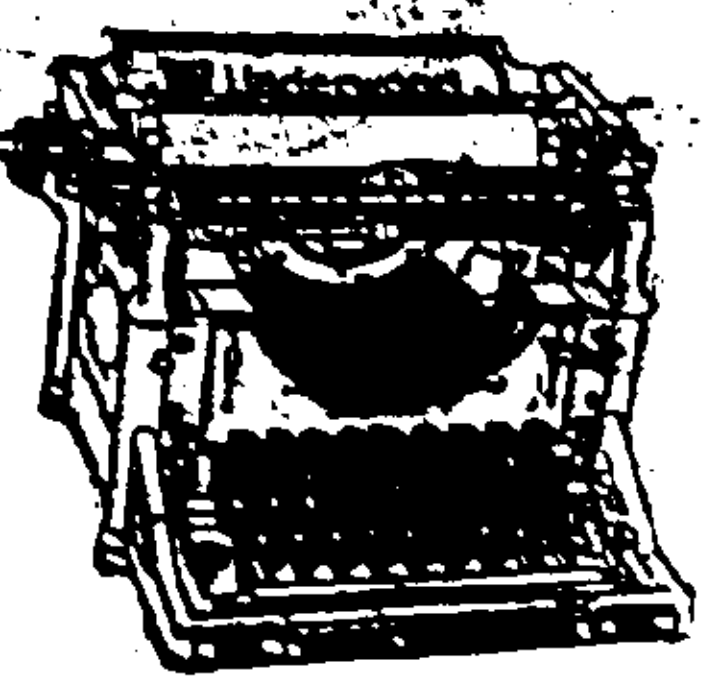
The Offices of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Easter Vacation, except on Public and General Holidays, when the offices will be entirely closed. The Easter Vacation commences on the 18th April, 1919, and terminates on the 24th April, 1919, (both days inclusive).

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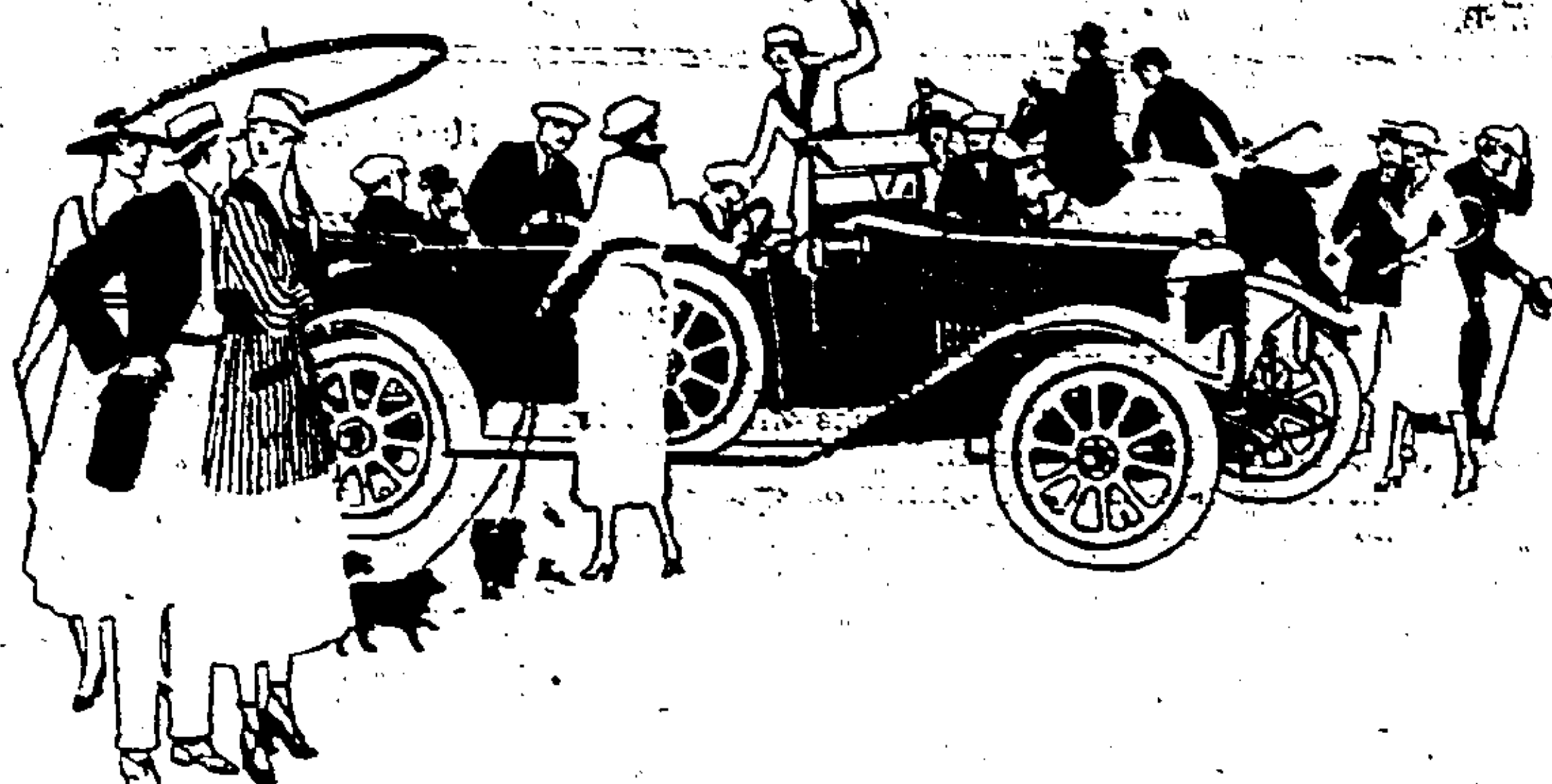
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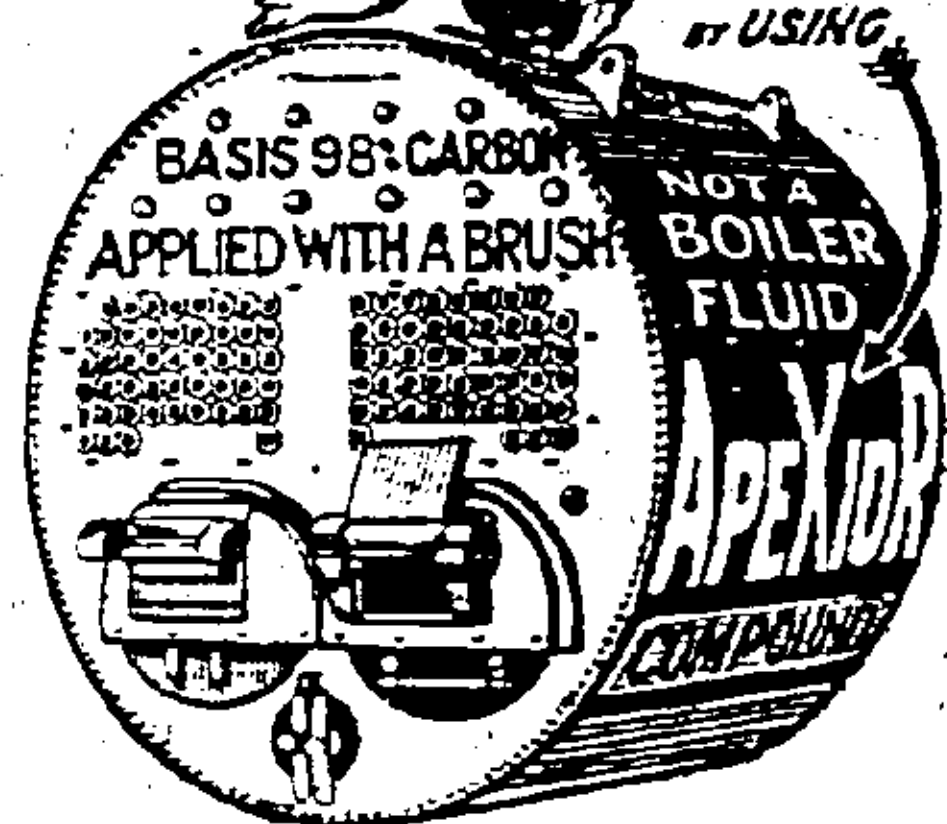
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and the triumph of Sallie
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A. Smith was living out the story
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table is presided over by a senior
girl, who serves the dishes, pours
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manners.

In summer the school sessions
are held on the playing fields
and meals are taken there too.
The best children's books are
sent out from Leeds Public
Library. Most of the actual
preparation of meals, both for
the children and the staff, is
done in class.

A number of older girls work
all day in the garden, but in
addition gardening is made an
important feature of school work,
with the result that good crops of
vegetables have been secured.
Bright children not old enough
for domestic training spend their
afternoon in school working at
anything they please on a sort of
Montessori system.

On half holidays the girls are
free to go for rambles in the
country, but absconding is
practically unknown, and it is
noteworthy that during seven
years only two girls have got into
serious trouble, and of these one
recovered herself.

GENERAL NEWS.

DEATH OF NOTED DIVINE.

The death occurred recently at his residence, 24, Handen-road, Lee, S. E., of the Rev. Isaac Levinson, Secretary of the British Society for the Propagation of the Gospel Among the Jews. He was aged 64 and had been suffering from heart trouble. Four of his sons have served in the Army.

THE BACHELOR GIRL.

Girl workers in London are feeling the effects of demobilisation in an unexpected way. When they go room-hunting they find themselves faced by the old notice of "Gentlemen lodgers only." Every women's residential club and hostel in London has a long waiting list. There are, moreover, thousands of girls who find hostel life uncomfortable. For them the ideal is a little flat or rooms they can furnish in accordance with their own taste. But these are made impossible by the increased rents and the rise in the cost of furniture.

GREEK, ARMENIAN, AND TURK.

Large numbers of Greeks and Armenians attended a demonstration in Trafalgar-square recently in support of the deliverance of their countrymen from the oppression and domination of the Turk. On the motion of Dr. Clifford, a resolution was unanimously passed demanding: That Turkish domination over the Greek and Armenian lands shall come to an end, that an independent Armenian State be constituted and that the Greek regions of the Ottoman Empire be reunited to Greece, that adequate reparation be exacted from those guilty of the devastation of Grecian lands, etc.

"ROOSEVELT SUNDAY."

A joint sitting of Congress was held recently in memory of the late Mr. Roosevelt. Members of the Cabinet, the Supreme Court, and the Diplomatic Corps, naval and military officers and other prominent personages were present. Senator Lodge, who was the only speaker, paid a lofty tribute to Mr. Roosevelt. Prayers were said by the Chaplains of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and the playing of anthems and patriotic songs by a naval band added a stirring touch to the service. The churches all observed to-day as "Roosevelt Sunday," and many tributes were paid to his memory.

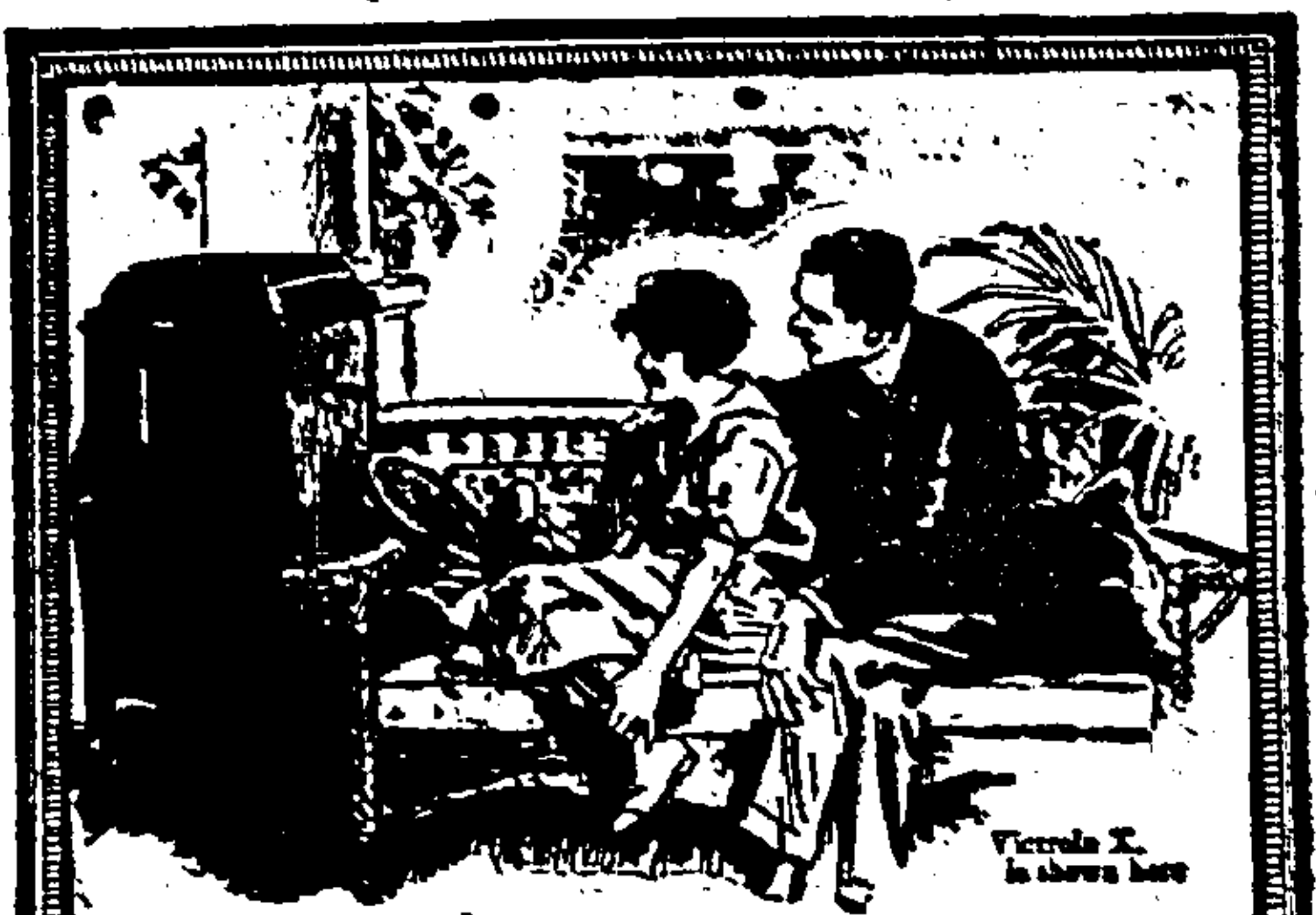
THE LANDING AT GALLIOLI.

Amongst the men the River Clyde, the famous ship from which the troops landed at Gallipoli, had no board were the gallant Munsters, Dublins, Hampshires, and details such as a beach party of the Anson Battalion, Royal Naval Division, Field Ambulances, sappers, and signallers. The idea was that she should be run aground and that lighters should form a pontoon from her bows to the beach. The Turks withheld their fire until the men surged from the doors in her bows on to the lighter. Then the marderois fire was poured in to them from machine-guns which lined the crest of the amphitheatre of high ground, encircling V. beach. The dead were piled up on the lighters and very few men succeeded in reaching the beach and sheltering beneath a ridge of sand. The price paid was appalling, but the landing was secured.

A DUKE'S DENIAL.

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BRITISH TEXTILE MISSION TO FAR EAST.

A novel announcement is that made by Sir Arthur Steel Maitland to trade journalists at Home that a mission is on the eve of coming to the Far East in connection with the textile trade. The composition of the Textile Mission is not known, but the fact that it will include two or three representatives of Labour is another sign of the times that Labour is being recognised as an important factor. People are not wanting who forecast that the next Parliament will be a Labour one. Labour is more and more asserting itself and many are the schemes that are being propounded for its amelioration. Better wages, lesser hours of work, a system of co-partnership with Capital by means of profit-sharing, and better housing are things that are being freely ventilated in the English Press. The Mission that is coming out to the Far East is apparently a mission of British piece-goods people who are coming out to study the serious question of Japanese competition in cheaper grades. We know that during the war Japanese piece-goods manufacturers have been cutting into the Lancashire trade, so much so that in cheap counts many of Lancashire's markets in the Far East are being lost. The American competition is not as serious as the Japanese. If Manchester wants to keep her place in the textile markets of the Far East, she has to realise that newer plans are required.

The inclusion of Labourites on this Mission may be a deliberate attempt to educate the cotton operators that the latter cannot have high wages with cheap goods, now that the wave of higher wages is surging British industries. Indeed, by getting Labour representatives to see with their eyes the conditions that Manchester manufacturers are up against in the Far East, the more readily will its seriousness be brought home to the operators, and dispel the erroneous notions that all employers are opposed to increased wages because they do not wish to surrender a portion of their huge profits. But we imagine the Mission's *raison d'être* would be to investigate the conditions of labour and production with regard to Japanese and Chinese competition. Textile mills operating in China are cutting into Manchester trade especially in the lower grades. The Mission will have an opportunity of studying the difficulties that exist. The competition, both Japanese and Chinese, will become more and more serious as time progresses. Until recently, China did not have any weaving sheds and used to do the spinning by hand, now in Shanghai weaving mills are going up rapidly. Japan has gone ahead tremendously in both weaving and spinning. The Manchester mills "are up against Oriental competition. The wages question, at Home, which has troubled the cotton mills has been settled. Some of the textile articles produced in China and Japan are as good as Lancashire's and what is more, are cheaper. Manchester may lose her trade in the Far East if she is not up and awake. There are many factors that have to be considered, and we hope that the Manchester trade in lower grades in the Far East will not be allowed to disappear.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A GREAT LOSS.

The world is much the poorer by reason of the death of Sir William Crookes, which was reported in a cable to hand yesterday. In a life which extended far beyond three score years and ten—he was close on ninety—he made very valuable contributions to science through his discoveries and inventions. He was also a great authority on sanitary questions and an expert on electricity. Among his many original discoveries in the realm of chemistry and physics was that of the metal thallium, whilst it is known that he was the inventor of the radiometer and of Crookes' Tubes. But apart from material matters he was deeply interested in psychic phenomena, which he firmly believed to be correlated to physical phenomena. He held the theory, too, that all the elements have evolved from one primordial stuff, "protyle." He was knighted in 1897 and in the following year was made President of the British Association, an honour which he thoroughly deserved. His researches have opened up many new avenues of thought and energy; he leaves behind him a name that will always stand out prominently in the world of science.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

It is satisfactory to notice that the local St. George's Society intends observing the Day of England's Patron Saint in an appropriate manner, though the programme originally arranged has now been modified. The resolve to abandon the idea of a street collection is a wise one, for now that the war is over, it is doubtful whether such an enterprise would be very fruitful of results. It is not that the public would not respond to any reasonable call made on its purse, but the fact remains that there is now little justification for the raising of funds in this particular way, and the response secured would most likely be in no way commensurate with the time and trouble involved in arranging an event of this kind. There is no doubt that a dance would be extremely popular all round, but, unhappily, St. George's Day comes within a season when it is rather too warm to really enjoy a function of that order. We feel sure, however, that there is a wide feeling amongst members of the Society in favour of a ball being held later in the year, which, the President intimates, is very likely to take place. It is a thoughtful act, and one which will be deeply appreciated, to decide on entertaining officers and men of the Services on England's "Day." The Society is to be commended for what it is doing in this regard.

TELEPHONE TROUBLES.

As telephone operators are, after all, only human, it is not to be wondered at that occasionally little causes for complaint on the part of the public should arise. We fear, however, that there is often a tendency to blame the operators for faults which are not theirs. The article which we published yesterday gave some idea of the difficulties under which the system in Hongkong is worked. No fewer than 40,000 calls a day are dealt with, and this on apparatus which, by reason of war conditions, is fully loaded and which is therefore susceptible to even such a thing as a change in climatic conditions—and goodness knows, we have had enough changes of this order of late. In the circumstances prevailing, we think the Telephone Company's staff performs a very necessary public service wonderfully well. It is an easy thing to get angry and irritable with a telephone operator—we are all inclined to that, especially if we happen to have a "liver" or if the things are not running too smoothly in the office. But a lot of the trouble is caused by our failure to give the numbers slowly and distinctly. If we all make a point of avoiding gabbling, we shall find things working much better for all concerned. Let us give the hard-worked operator a chance anyhow.

FEMALE LABOUR IN EUROPE.

The representatives of the principal women's associations have expressed their views at a meeting of the International Labour Committee. The invitation extended to women to attend the meeting marks a new era in the annals of women's work. The representatives demanded absolute unification of labour laws relating to male and female employment, a 44-hour week, the abolition of night work and the establishment of women's labour unions in various countries.

DAY BY DAY.

NECESSITY KNOWS NO LAWS, AND ITS THE SAME WITH EXTRAVAGANCE.

Yesterday's health returns show three cases of plague (two fatal) and three of cerebro-spinal fever (one fatal). All were Chinese.

The R.M.S. "Montezuma" left Shanghai on Friday, 11th April, and is due at Moji on Sunday, April 13th.

The Eastern Extension Telegraph Company announces that the route to America via the Commercial Pacific Cable is interrupted.

Jose Maira d'Almada Remedios was this morning charged before Mr. Lindell with assaulting an Indian constable in Pedder Street, whilst in the execution of his duty. The case was remanded until Tuesday next.

Shewan Tomes and Co., Agents, Yangtze Insurance Association Ltd., have received a cable from their Head Office, Shanghai, intimating the declaration of a dividend of \$21.00 per share and the addition of \$250,000 to the Reserve Fund.

We understand that out of the sum obtained as damages in a recent slander action, Mr. E. James has given \$100 towards a new hospital at Marseilles for sailors. This is one of the funds to which the local War Charities Committee makes grants.

A Chinese who had been sent to prison last year for larceny was this morning released and then re-arrested by the Police on a charge of returning from a 10-years' banishment term. Mr. R. E. Lindell sentenced him to nine months' hard labour.

A Chinese woman who was charged with having 6½ taels of non-Government opium was this morning fined \$900, or, in default, four months' hard labour. She stated that the opium, which was secreted in the false bottom of a box, came from Annam.

Following an armed robbery which took place at 1.45 a.m. on Thursday at Tytam Tuk, a Chinese was arrested as he was going from Stanley on the road to Shauiwan. A chopper was found concealed on his person. Suspicions were entertained that this man was one of the gang who committed the robbery "but as they could not be established, an alternative charge of being in possession of offensive weapons was brought by Sgt. Tulloch against the Chinese at the Magistracy to-day. A previous conviction for the same offence was proved against the prisoner. The case is proceeding.

The children of the Naval establishments are at present hard at work preparing for a performance of that favourite of children's pantomime, "Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp." The work of production is under the charge of Mrs. Neighbour. There will be six scenes and all the latest songs, dances and topical items will be introduced. No expense is being spared in the way of scenery, dresses and such like to make the production a very fine one. The first performance will take place in the Naval Canteen Theatre, on April 25, and there will be a matinee on April 26. The proceeds will be donated to the Ministering Children's League.

Lei Fu is now down to serve the Government for 42 weeks in Victoria Gaol. It is no new experience to him, as last year he had already served a term in the same institution. He is an agile Chinese, whose work was mostly done in the early hours of the morning, when, all doors being closed, he had recourse to waterpipes and other novel means of ingress into houses. After he had entered No. 40, Berkeley Street, and came out again by the convenient method already described, the Police arrested him, and when he was brought to the station, it was found that his legs were adorned with three pairs of women's trousers which he had lifted from No. 55, Cooke Street some hours previously.

1894.

HONGKONG TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

(Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for week ending April 21, 1894.)

THE DOLLAR.

April 16.—The rate of the Dollar, on demand, to-day is 2s. 1-1/8d.

CABLE INTERRUPTIONS.

April 16.—The Telegraph Companies notify the temporary interruption of the Hongkong-Haiphong cable. Messages, however, may be forwarded via Saigon.

REVENUE FROM WATER.

April 17.—Question for the next Council meeting.—Will the Government lay on the table a statement showing the amount of Tytam water sold annually to refineries, steamship companies, water boats and private launch owners, and also produce returns setting forth the amount received from each of these sources of revenue?

THE WATER SUPPLY.

April 17.—Yesterday afternoon, Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, addressed the men under his command at considerable length on the important subject as to how they should act in the event of fire breaking out on the upper levels of the city and in the suburbs, during the prevailing scarcity of water. From what we can gather, the Superintendent's suggestions were of a very practical and common-sense nature and, in view of a probably annual recurrence of the abnormally dry times and the utter inadequacy of our water supply, might well be printed for distribution among the Brigade.

AN EASY JOB.

April 18.—Mr. A. J. Leach, Q. C., arrived to-day, from Fochow by the Haitian and takes over the Attorney Generalship from Mr. W. M. Goodman, who left by the Orits at noon. The duties of this important post seem to be light enough to be checked over from hand to hand in five minutes.

FIRE APPLIANCES.

April 20.—We understand that the Government floating fire engine will be fitted with a new boiler as soon as the approaching rainy season sets in. It is said that the authorities have made no arrangements for the purchase of another floating engine to replace this indispensable adjunct to our fire extinguishing apparatus, notwithstanding the undoubted use, in certain emergencies, two floating engines would be in a colony divided into two parts by a wide road-lead and extending along the shores of the Harbour for a distance of fully three miles.

CATTLE EPIDEMIC.

April 21.—With reference to an article on the recent cattle epidemic appearing in yesterday's *Telegraph*, Mr. A. Rumpjahn writes to assure us that the cows belonging to the East Point Dairy and Farming Company, of which he is manager, has been absolutely free from disease, all having been inoculated before being brought to the Colony. He also confirms our statement relative to the transfer to the mainland of cows belonging to Chinese dairies, but adds that milk from these animals is being brought over and regularly sold in Hongkong. Should this be so it behoves householders to carefully inquire into the source of their supplies. The responsible authorities should also take note.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued by Mr. J. W. Franks D.S.P. (R.), state:—

COMMENTATION.

P. S. 4 George Lee is commended by the Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police for prompt action when off duty in arresting a scotchman on the 24th March, 1919.

The offender was subsequently convicted and sentenced to 12 months' hard labour and 12 strokes with the birch.

TRAINWAYS.

Attention is directed to D. O. 81. Care must be taken that this order is strictly adhered to.

HONGKONG MEMORIALS:

SUGGESTIONS OF TWENTY-TWO YEARS AGO.

In view of the numerous suggestions, now being made with regard to Hongkong's War Memorial, the following list of proposals made at the time of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897 will no doubt be read with interest:—

1. A. Coxon:—Oil Painting of H. M. the Queen to be hung in the City Hall.

2. Board of Management of Sailors' Home:—Addition of a storey to the Sailors' Home to be called the Queen's Storey, at a cost of about \$15,000.

3. J. McKie and Others:—That proprietors of the City Hall should be asked to present it to the community and the community undertake to put a new and enlarged City Hall on the site.

4. Revd. G. R. Vallings:—Erection of an institute for the use of soldiers and naval seamen.

5. J. P. Cottam:—Erection of a massive Stone Pier or landing stage, with pavilions, seats, gardens, etc.

6. F. H. May:—Erection of a Women's and Children's Hospital in connection with the Civil Hospital.

7. F. A. Cooper:—Completion of the Statue of H. M. the Queen.

8. R. K. Leigh:—Completion of the statue of H. M. the Queen and a new Clock Tower.

9. Rev. A. Hiff and Others:—Purchase of enlarged premises to replace the present Seamen's Coffee House.

10. J. C. Thomson:—Endowment of a College of Medicine for Chinese.

11. Tam Ho:—1. Industrial Museum. 2. Creation of a Cosmopolitan Club and erection of a Club House to be called "The Jubilee Club," open to all.

12. Henry Humphreys:—1. Public School at the Peak for European Boys and Girls. 2. A new Clock Tower on the Reclamation. 3. Improvement to the statue of H. M. the Queen.

13. M. J. D. Stephens:—Free Library and Hall, on the lines of the Free Libraries recently established in England.

14. A Woman:—Hospital for Women and Nurses Training Institute.

15. Chesney Duncan:—That in view of the fact that we are solely dependent on Chinese market gardeners for supplies of vegetables, and as it is reasonable to assume that many cases of enteric fever in the Colony are attributable to the patients eating vegetables which have been infected by typhus excreta, owing to the Chinese mode of irrigation and forcing, and in view, too, of the fact that there is plenty of land available for the purpose near the Colony in Chinese territory to the north of Kowloon frontier, if we are to have a permanent memorial that shall be beneficial to all classes of residents, a large market garden, under European supervision might prove an acceptable and useful one. Also suggested an extension of Pedder's Wharf to the north and east, made sufficiently wide and strong to serve the purpose of a promenade and for landing troops, etc.

16. G. Stewart and Others:—Road round the Island along the South side it.

17. A. Denison:—Letter regarding road round the Island, pointing out that at an expenditure of about \$75,000 22 miles of good road might be completed existing roads included from Shauiwan to Taitamuk.

18. General Black:—Road from Wanchai Gap to Wong-neichung Gap along south side of hills to be called the "Queen's Link."

19. Un-Hok Cho:—Erection of two Clock Towers, east near Naval Yard and west near Chinese Recreation Ground.

20. Wong Tuk:—Conversion of Queen's College into a University.

21. Chan Shui:—Abolition of the Light and Pass Ordinance and erection of a Light Tower.

[The two proposals adopted were the Jubilee Road and Victoria Hospital schemes.—Ed. H.K.T.]

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

The Paris correspondent of the *Referee* at the time the Seine floods swirled about the Parisian countryside, made a tour to see the effect of the inundations. Close to Poissy, it seems, there was a big encampment for Hun prisoners—then one huge lake—and it gave him much gratification to see how carefully the local officials removed them to a drier area before the poor sufferers got their dear little feet wet. A poilu who stood by him (and a very good support, too) grunted and made his usual contribution to the swiftly flowing river. "Ah! ces sales Boches," he said. "Listen me," commented the correspondent, being in a reckless mood, "Permit me of you to make remark that a Boche is always a Boche. But, surely, with all this water around them there is no longer any reason why they should remain dirty!" "Allez, foolish one," he replied, "they have been washing in our river, and that's why the water's so thick and muddy!"

A correspondent of an up-country Indian paper writes that "an Englishman's arrival in India is attended by a series of shocks. Not the smallest shock however is the extraordinary English in common use. English it may be but it is not King's English. In India a postage stamp for official correspondence becomes a service 'label'; an 'appendix' becomes an 'annexure'; 'in accordance with' becomes 'agreeably to.' The 'recruitment' of men and the 'encasement' of postal orders make the newcomer shudder, but the last straw to his cup of bitterness (you must swallow that, Sir, it is quite Indian) comes in the use of 'entertainment.' One is instructed from Simla to 'entertain' an Indian clerk. Why they never use the correct word 'engage' I cannot understand. But there are many things I cannot understand in India."

The story of what was perhaps, the famous Belgian airman, Coppens, most daring exploit is a new one. Starting out from Dixmude at daybreak one morning early in last year, he flew direct to Brussels, and there planned down until he was almost touching the roof of his own home. The noise of his engine, as he had expected, brought his mother and father out on the balcony to see what was happening, and their feelings may be imagined when they clearly recognised their son, whom they had not previously seen since the outbreak of war. The young airman waved his greetings and he then turned westward again, and completing a flight of 150 miles over country in enemy occupation, reached his aerodrome unharmed.

General Townshend knows the Princes Islands well, for it was on Prinkipo, the largest of them, and the one where no doubt the meeting of the representatives of the Allies and of Russia is intended to be held, that he spent most of the time while he was in the hands of the Turks. His captors treated him with signal honour, and placed a very pleasant villa on the island at his disposal. The one drawback to the island appears to be the absence of drinking water, which has to be brought from the mainland. Otherwise its charms are great and its warm, gentle airs so salubrious that the Turks believe that the span of man's years is longer there than anywhere else in the world.

One of the crew of H.M.S. *Courcord*, which conveyed Paderewski and his wife to the Baltic on their way to Poland, was heard to say that the great pianist and new President said he had not played for two years. "In the wardrobe of the ship," the informant continued, "there is a small piano which has lost a pedal, and before we got to Copenhagen it took most of a sea, which came in through the skylight, and was not improved thereby." Nevertheless Paderewski played to us on that little piano with one pedal—Polish things, pieces of his own and of Chopin."

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ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING.

The annual report and prize-giving of the St. Paul's Institution (French Convent) took place yesterday afternoon. In the spacious hall which had been decorated with flags for the occasion, accommodation had been provided by the Sisters for the usual large attendance of parents, but owing to the weather, only a few were able to come. A programme of musical items, both vocal and instrumental, contributed by the pupils, gave additional interest to the proceedings. During an interval, and previous to the distribution by Mrs. C. Montague Ede of the prizes, the manager of the school (Rev. Fr. Maria) read the annual report which was as follows:—

Rev. Father, Ladies and Gentlemen.—In submitting my report for the school year 1918-1919, I have much pleasure to record the fact that the school has moved into its new premises, its activities and the number of pupils have steadily increased. In 1917, the year of its removal, the highest number on the rolls was 164. In 1918, the maximum was 175; and the rate of increase has since further appreciated, the actual number of scholars on the registers for 1919 being 190.

Mr. E. Ralph, Inspector of English Schools, carried out his usual annual inspection in June last. He reported on the school rooms as being very spacious, well furnished and in every way suitable. His report of the discipline was very good, and the same commendation was applied to all the classes to that very important subject, the English; the language reading and conversation being very good, and the recitation, in some cases, exceptionally good and much above the average. The special class for Chinese girls beginning the English language is still in a flourishing condition, and now accounts 25 pupils.

The written work throughout the school was found to be very good and again showed an improvement on the previous year. As a result of the inspection of the school, the highest grant was again awarded.

In accordance with Government requirements, a medical inspection of the school and of the pupils was conducted by Doctor S. Strahan, who reported the pupils to be in very good health and the sanitary conditions of the buildings, excellent.

Candidates from the higher classes were presented for the Oxford and Hongkong University examinations, and 10 of the girls obtained certificates. The results of the elementary short-hand examinations have just arrived from England, and the 10 pupils presented have all passed and obtained certificates. A very useful acquisition was made by the school during the past year, in the form of two very good typewriters, which enables those of the pupils who desire it, to acquire a knowledge of that important art. The Lazard Scholarship has been won this year by Miss Doris Windebank, who passed the Oxford Preliminary examination as an under-age candidate. Besides the ordinary school work, the pupils have taken a keen interest in war work, giving willing help in several directions. The pupils took part, as usual, in the sports held under the auspices of the Hongkong Public Schools and the St. Joseph's College, and won 1st and 2nd prizes in several events. Special prizes for good conduct and application have been presented by the Rev. Father L. Robert to the following pupils:—Misses Ruby Young, Ina Simpson, Phillis See Chin, Laura Lobato, Lily Ferguson, Anna Soender, Margaret P. P. Antoinette Delonte and Betty Steel.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")
ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

Sir,—I beg leave to inform you that it has been decided by the Committee of the St. George's Society to cancel the original programme, as previously announced in the Press, except in the matter of an entertainment, to the Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and men of the Services.

There will now be no Street Collections on St. George's Day, and no entertainment at the Theatre or Ball at the City Hall, though it is hoped that a Ball may be given under the auspices of the Society at some future date. The present celebrations on St. George's Day, the 23rd April, will now consist of the following, namely:—

(1) Entertainment to the Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and the men of the Services, which will take the form of a Cinematograph entertainment, particulars of which will be announced later.

(2) A dinner in the evening of the day at the Hongkong Hotel, which will be confined to members of the Society to whom notices have been posted, and a few official guests.

It was originally intended that each member should be allowed to invite a guest, but it has been ascertained that catering arrangements cannot be made for so large a number.

Yours faithfully,
H. E. Pollock,
President.

Society of St. George, Hongkong.
Hongkong, April 11, 1919.

Prize and French, Rosebud Young; General Progress, French and Music, Edna See Chin, General Progress and Needlework, Mary Pow; General Progress and Arithmetic, Rose Xavier; General Progress, Phillis Goddall.

Class 4a.—1st. Class Prize, Constance Smith; 2nd. Class Prize, Mabel Solomon; Good Conduct and Application, Margaret Pau; Application and Progress, Tracy Brown, Agnes Miskin; General Progress, Emilia Xavier; General Progress and Catechism, Bertha Rodriguez; General Progress and Drawing, May Chan; General Improvement, Lina Rocha; General Progress and Drawing, Geraldine Smith.

HIGHER CLASSES.
Politeness, Application and Improvement, Vivienne Young; General Improvement, Frances Hammett; Regular Attendance and General Progress, Emilia Rossetti; Politeness, Application and Improvement, Marie Lobato; General Progress, Gertie Simmons; General Progress and Needlework, Edith Soares; General Progress and Music, Gladys Brock; Politeness, Application and Progress, Adeline Remedios and Margaret Pon; Good Conduct, General Application and French, Ruby Young; Good Conduct and General Application, Lily Ferguson; General Application and the Oxford Preliminary Certificate, Doris Windebank; Politeness, General Application, Drawing and the Oxford Preliminary Certificate, Nina Hazeland; Good Conduct, General Application and the Oxford Preliminary Certificate, Phillis See Chin; The Oxford Preliminary Certificate, Nina Lourenco; 1st. Class Prize and Music, Florence Hamilton; 2nd. Class Prize and Drawing, Ellie Noronha; General Application, Class Prize and the University Junior Certificate, Rosie White; Class Prize, Religious knowledge and the University Junior Certificate, Annes Carvalho; Class Prize, Drawing and the University Junior Certificate, Mary Mathias; 2nd. Class Prize and the University Junior Certificate, Marie Noronha; 1st. Class Prize and the University Junior Certificate, Lucy Haynes; Application, English and General Progress, Marie de Souza; General Distinction, Drawing and Needlework, May Ramsey; General Application and the University Senior Certificate, Alda Franco.

The Lazard Scholarship Certificate for 1918-1919, Doris Windebank. Short-hand Certificates.—Florence Hamilton, Gladys Brock, Phillis See Chin, Doris Windebank, Ellie Noronha, Nina Hazeland, Emilia Rossetti, Margaret Pon, Edith Soares, Marie Lobato.

Special Class for Chinese.—Certificates of Merit for Application and Progress in English awarded to:—Jessie Woo, Lily Liao, Lily Tam, Rose Tam, Ruby Mack, Violet Lee.

Class 6.—Good Conduct, Politeness, Application.—Betty Steel, 1st. Class Prize.—Mary Lamb, Florie Nissim, Sharifa Ismail, Jessie Johnson. 2nd. Class Prizes.—Fatima Curreen, Hilda Solomon, Marjorie Hansen, Joan Crispin, Minnie Liu, Nancy McEwen, Dora Stewart.

Class 7.—Good Conduct, Politeness, Application, Regular Attendance, Anna Soenderam and Antoinette Delonte. General Application and Progress.—Simone Tournier, Frances Heyshing, Mimie Karavana, Fanny Wong, Gilberte Tournier, Leonora Barretto, Ruby Chue, Dorothy Alexander, Lily Law, Winnie Ying, Alice Chan, Emily Landolt, Yvonne Carutto, Teresa Jeanjaquet, May O'Hoy, Daisy Law, Nellie Chan.

Class 8.—General Improvement and Drawing: Margery Windebank, Norma See Chin, Daisy Brown, Jean Johnson, Jean O'Hoy, Beatrice Hardwick. General Improvement and French.—Parrin Ruttonjee, Yvonne Perrin, Andree Chevenez, General Application and Progress.—Vera Stanley, Agnes Pau, Florence Hansen, Gladys Ismail. Rewards:—Betty Pearson, Kitty Blair, Bessie Blair.

Remove Classes.—Class 5.—1st. Class Prize and Drawing, Leonora O'Brien; 2nd. Class Prize and Regular Attendance, Hannah Solomon; Good Conduct, General Application, French, Drawing and Catechism.—Laura Lobato; Good Conduct, General Application, Drawing, Ina Simpson; Regular Attendance, Application and General Progress, Florence Solomon; General Application and Progress, French, Alda Teixeira; General Progress, French, Catechism, Madeleine Chevenez; General Improvement, French, Hava el Arculli; General Improvement, Drawing, Margery Stewart; General Improvement, Kathleen Simmons, Jean Powrie, Edith Rocha.

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The final and dress rehearsal of "Our Boys," played by the members of "The Stunts" last night, show that the players had got themselves well up to concert pitch and to-night's performance should be very successful. One or two defects were disclosed last night, but of course, these will be remedied in time for to-night's production. Those taking part are Miss Elfrida Osmund, Mrs. Thornton, the Misses Gertrude and Dorothy Razavet, and Messrs R. Ashby, H. W. Ramsey, Dick D'Almeida and Master Razavet.

THE ADMIRAL LINE.

NEW HONGKONG OFFICES.

The formal opening of the new and permanent offices of the Admiral Line (Pacific Steamship Company) took place to-day, and a reception to about 150 guests was held from 11 a.m. which continued till 3 p.m.

The new offices are situated on the top floor of Hotel Mansions and the spacious rooms overlooking the Harbour have been fitted out in a manner commensurate with the importance of this well-known American firm of shipowners.

The Admiral Line, whose steamers were formerly managed in the Orient by Messrs. Robert Dollar and Company, have now thirteen ships operating on the trans-Pacific service, one of which is a passenger vessel. Of these vessels seven are owned by the Company and six have been assigned to the firm by the U. S. Government, and there is a possibility of the service being augmented in the near future by further assignments. The vessels run from Seattle and call at all Oriental ports. It is also expected that an up-to-date passenger service will be inaugurated later on. The Admiral Line is one of the oldest Companies operating between San Francisco, Seattle, Portland (Oregon) and Alaska, where they have about 20 steamers running. We wish the Company every success.

JAPANESE TONNAGE.

The number of Japanese steamers at the end of February totalled 2,670, the gross tonnage being 1,461,681 tons. The number of sailing-vessels is put at 12,592, the gross tonnage at 862,732 tons, and the net tonnage at 728,051 tons.

TREATMENT OF GERMANS.

COMMENT ON HONGKONG HOPES.

When attention was drawn to the contrast between the treatment of Germans by Europeans in China and by the Japanese Government, (says the *Japan Chronicle*) the reply was made that it was quite right and proper for the Japanese Government to be liberal in its treatment of the enemy within its gates because it maintained efficient control over all such, but that in China it was very different and instead of the Chinese Government superintending the Germans, the German Government superintended the Chinese Government. If this argument be accepted, then the hope expressed by the Chairman of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce that the Japanese Government would follow the example of China is merely impertinent; so far as it concerns the Japanese Government, and Hunanish so far as it regards the Germans. What has the Washington Government done that it should not share in this good advice as to what to do with the Germans? In this matter of German competition in the Far East it must be confessed that the Japanese have shown an efficiency that has been lacking elsewhere. They have treated the Germans liberally and captured their business besides.

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HEAVY SEA.

When travelling down the New South Wales coast a few weeks back, the Dutch steamer Houtman ran into heavy seas. The third officer, Marinus Schewert, was caught by a heavy wave and hurled to the deck, and he died shortly afterwards. Two members of the crew, both Javanese seamen, were crushed by the deck gear, and now lie in the Sydney hospital in a serious condition.

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SALVING RUSSIAN WARSHIPS.

According to a Japanese paper, keen competition is likely to arise among some Japanese for the right of refloating the Russian warships which were sunk in the battle of the Japan Sea. It is said that seventeen Russian vessels have been lying beneath the waters for the past fifteen years, since that memorable battle, without any effort being made to refloat them. Now that a fall in the price of iron makes it possible for ships employed for salvage work to be chartered at moderate rates, many Japanese are said to be filing applications with Nagasaki, Fukuoka or other local authorities for permission to start the work.

THE RIGHT TO REJECT.

In the King's Bench Division, a Divisional Court, composed of Justices Lawrence and Shearman, heard the case of the British and French Chemical Manufacturers Co. v. Biggs, Guyer and Co. upon the appeal of the plaintiffs from a judgment of Judge Mellor at Manchester in favour of the defendants, who were the buyers from the plaintiffs of certain Epsom salts that were shipped by the s.s. Kyno to Alexandria. The judgment had been given for the defendants on the grounds that the goods were not of the B.P. quality for consumption (British Pharmacopoeia) but were of a commercial quality used by calico manufacturers and in other trades. Mr. Lustgarten, who argued the sellers' appeal, contended that the goods, having been shipped to Alexandria, the buyers could not support a case of rejection. The contract in the first place was f.o.b. Liverpool, but then it was altered to f.o.r. Manchester, and counsel's point was that this imported that the place of examination was in England and that it was a contract for delivery in this country. The buyers had a sample analysed at Hull, to which the goods were sent for shipment, but the claim to reject came after the ship had sailed. The sample was taken on Oct. 23, but there was nothing to prevent its being taken earlier. He submitted that the right to reject was lost, as the contract was for delivery in this country and the buyers took the goods and shipped them. The vessel left for Alexandria, but was torpedoed en route, and the cargo was lost. Mr. Lustgarten, for the buyers, said that it was disputed that the goods were not according to the contract requirements. His clients rejected the goods as soon as the samples had been tested. The Court held that the rejection was (as the County Court judge had found) within a reasonable time, and the appeal was dismissed with costs.

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Steamships	Captain	Leaving
Haihong	J. W. Evans	TUES., 15th Apr. at 1 p.m.
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KOBE	Suisang	Sun., 13th Apr. at d'light.
SHANGHAI	Hopsang	Tues., 15th Apr. at d'light.
IENTSIN	Chipsang	Wed., 16th Apr. at d'light.
HAIPHONG	Taksang	Wed., 16th Apr. at 8 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Kwoisang	Thur., 17th Apr. at d'light.
SHANGHAI	Chowsang	Wed., 18th Apr. at d'light.
KOBE	Chaksang	Fri., 18th Apr. at d'light.
MANILA	Loongsang	Fri., 18th Apr. at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Kwalsang	Sat., 19th Apr. at 3 p.m.
KOBE	Yalsing	Sun., 20th Apr. at d'light.
IENTSIN	Cheongshing	Wed., 23rd Apr. at d'light.
MANILA	Yuensang	Fri., 25th Apr. at 3 p.m.

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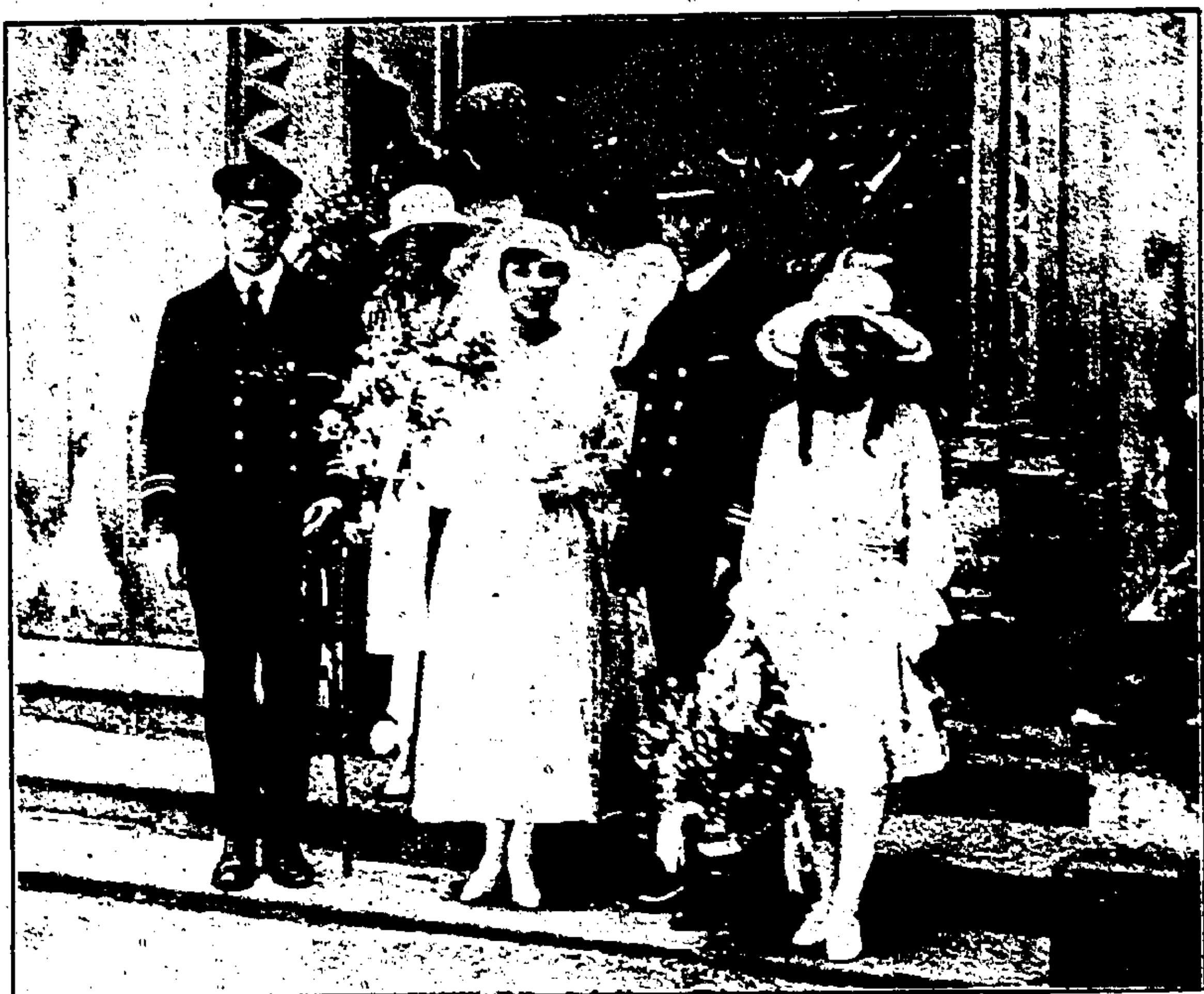


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WEDDING OF PAYMASTER COMMANDER SARRATT AND MISS AILEEN LILLIE.



AN UNINVITED BUT INTERESTED GUEST AT THE WEDDING.



Photo: "Hongkong Telegraph."

CANTON GERMANS LEAVING S.S. "HONAM" AT HONGKONG TO EMBARK ON THE S.S. "ANTIOCHUS."



Photo: Tientsin Press.

REMOVING THE NAME OF "WILHELM STRASSE" FROM A TIENSIN THOROUGHFARE.



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AFTER THE FOREGOING CEREMONY; OFFICIALS ON THEIR WAY TO TEA AT THE HOUSE OF MR. MAZE, COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS.



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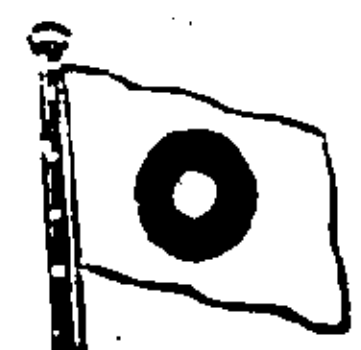
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JAPAN AND COAST PORTS.

Kobe	Ruisang	J. M. Co.	3. Apr.
Genoa	Mitsuki M.	O. S. K.	13. Apr.
Shanghai and Tsingtao	Yincho	B. & S.	13. Apr.
Keelung via Swatow and Amoy	Amakusa M.	O. S. K.	13. Apr.
Swatow and Singapore	Linan	B. & S.	13. Apr.
Swatow and Bangkok	Changchow	B. & S.	14. Apr.
Sydney	Kohso M.	O. S. K.	14. Apr.
Swatow and Bangkok	Chinhua	B. & S.	14. Apr.
Shanghai	Tean	B. & S.	15. Apr.
Shanghai	Hopsang	J. M. Co.	15. Apr.
Tientsin	Chipsing	J. M. Co.	16. Apr.
Haiphong	Taksang	J. M. Co.	16. Apr.
Shanghai	Sunning	B. & S.	17. Apr.
Shanghai	Kwongsang	J. M. Co.	17. Apr.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haihong	D. L. Co.	18. Apr.
Manila	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	18. Apr.
Shanghai	Choyasang	J. M. Co.	18. Apr.
Kobe	Obaksang	J. M. Co.	18. Apr.
Calcutta via Ports	Shinbu M.	N. Y. K.	18. Apr.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Kamakura	N. Y. K.	19. Apr.
Straits and Calcutta	Kwaisang	J. M. Co.	19. Apr.
Java	Tjipanas	J.C.J. L.	20. Apr.
Kobe	Yatsing	J. M. Co.	20. Apr.
Shanghai and Tsingtao	Kwansee	B. & S.	20. Apr.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	D. L. Co.	20. Apr.
Swatow and Bangkok	Changchow	B. & S.	21. Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Yama M.	N. Y. K.	21. Apr.
Haiphong	Taitoku M.	O. S. K.	22. Apr.
Takao via Swatow and Amoy	Soshu M.	O. S. K.	24. Apr.
Manila	Yuenang	J. M. Co.	25. Apr.
Japan	Tjiliwon	J.C.J. L.	29. Apr.
Bombay via Ports	Toyo M.	N. Y. K.	M. of Apr.
Calcutta via Ports	Rangoon M.	N. Y. K.	E. on Apr.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS & SHANGHAI.

HE Steamship

"CHINA"

Having arrived, from the above mentioned ports, consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading duly endorsed for counter-signature and take immediate delivery of their cargo from ship's side.

Cargo impeding discharge will be landed immediately and cargo remaining on board on and after Tuesday, the 15th instant will be landed at consignee's risk and expense. Cargo undelivered on and after Friday, 18th instant at 5 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed into Company's Godown where they will be examined on Saturday, 19th inst. at 10 a.m.

No claim will be recognised after the goods have left the ship's and/or the Company's Godown.

All claims must be presented within six weeks of the ship's arrival, otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

O. H. RITTER,

Agent.

Prince's Building, Ground Floor, Hongkong, 12th April, 1919.

CONSIGNEES.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From SAN FRANCISCO, JAPAN PORTS, SHANGHAI AND MANILA.

s.s. "ECLIPSE"

The above mentioned vessel having arrived from the above mentioned Ports, consignees of cargo are hereby notified that their cargo will be landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk.

Consignees of cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports & Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on April 15th 1919 at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented within a month of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns and all goods remaining undelivered after April 15th will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature immediately.

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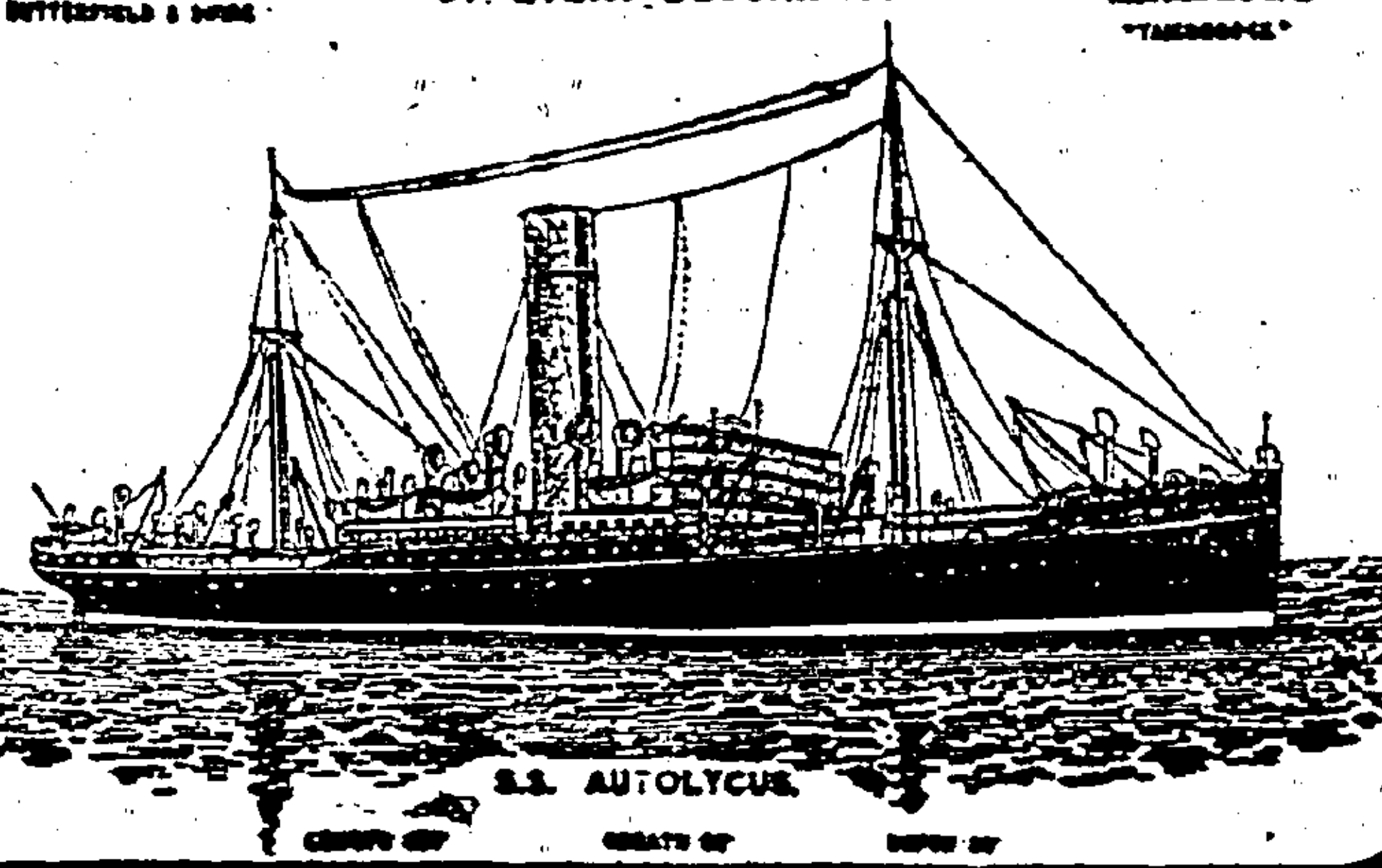
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The s.s. CELTIC PRINCE is due to arrive here from New York towards the end of April.

The American & Maniharia Line s.s. JUTABOM left New York for Hongkong, Manila and Singapore on the 4th March, and may be expected to arrive at this Port on the 20th May.

The s.s. K. K. is in receipt of telegraphic advice that the s.s. TENYO MARU left San Francisco March 24th, and is due to arrive at this Port on April 22nd.

The C. P. O. S. s.s. McTAVEN left Vancouver, arrived at Yokohama on the 3rd April, and is due at Hongkong about the 15th April.

The s.s. S. EXPRESS OF ASIA left Yokohama for Vancouver on the 5th April, and is due at Vancouver on or about the 16th April.

The R. M. S. KEY WEST leaves Shanghai for Hongkong on the 9th April, and is due at Hongkong on or about the 13th April.

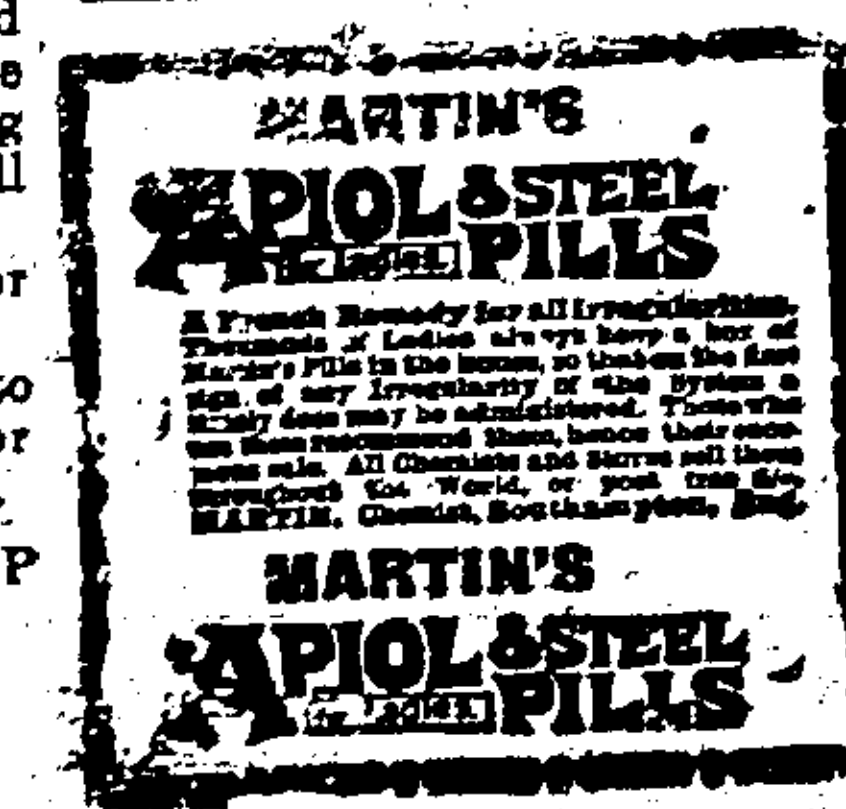
The R. M. S. EXPRESS OF RUSSIA arrived Vancouver on the 31st March. The s.s. H. J. A. left Singapore for this Port on the 9th instant, with the upward English Mail, and is due here on the 17th instant.

The P. & O. s.s. DUNERA left Shanghai for this Port on the 10th instant, with the homeward English Mail, and is due here on the 18th inst. at about daylight.

The s.s. KEY WEST, left Shanghai on the 10th April, and is due Hongkong on the 14th April.

The T. K. K. is in receipt of telegraphic advice that the s.s. LENO MARU arrived at Yokohama on the morning of the 10th instant, according to schedule and is due at this Port 22nd inst.

NOTICE.



NOTICE

NATIONAL LOAN OF THE THIRD YEAR OF THE REPUBLIC (1914).

SECOND ANNUAL DRAWING OF BONDS.

NOTICE.—Subscribers to the above Loan are hereby notified that arrangements have now been made to proceed with the redemption of the Loan, and that the second drawing of bonds will take place on 15th May next. The date of payment with a list of the numbers of drawn bonds will be announced in a subsequent notification.

F. A. AGLEN,

Inspector General of Customs.

TIDE TABLE.

From 7th Apr. to 13th Apr.

	High Water	Low Water	High Water	Low Water
	Hongkong	Mean Time	Hongkong	Mean Time
Mon. 7	4.15	10.15	4.15	10.15
Tues. 8	4.15	10.15	4.15	10.15
Wed. 9	4.15	10.15	4.15	10.15
Thurs. 10	4.15	10.15	4.15	10.15
Fri. 11	4.15	10.15	4.15	10.15
Sat. 12	4.15	10.15	4.15	10.15
Sun. 13	4.15	10.15	4.15	10.15

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UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The Great Northern Telegraph Company, Ltd.

The following Unclaimed Telegrams are lying here:—

Tantak, from Shanghai.
Wanshuan, from Shanghai.
Cheongyunkai Kwanyee, from Shanghai.

Chanmow, from Shanghai.
Yingzung, Jervois Street, from Shanghai.

Shinpei Shuku, c/o Taiwan Bank, from Tokio.

Yuelee, from Shanghai.
S. Hoshino, Inaba Maru, from Tokio.

Bowers, St. Georges Hotel, from Yokohama.

Changcheeshi, Lohhopehing, from Shanghai.

Chanho, Taitong Hotel, from Amoy (two).

Fooktonshan, Limmoontong, from Amoy.

Sayenglapong, fourth story Pinghua Central Market, from Amoy.

Sweetee Co., Canton Road, from Amoy.

c/o Onwuntanpan Tsushoyoko, from Osaka.

Yeecheong, from Kobe.

T. KRING, Act. Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 11, 1919.

Eastern Extension Australasia & China Telegraph Co.

List of Unclaimed Telegrams lying in the E. E. Telegraph Office at Hongkong:—

Modar, from Rangoon.
O. S. Orick, (2) from Oakland, California.

T. Nozaki, Kasuga Maru, from Takow.

Taylor, Hongkong Hotel, from Manila.

Vagnaux, Hongkong Hotel, from Berrelesseypins.

Superintendent, Hongkong, April 10, 1919.

OVERSEAS TRADE.

POLICY OF MUDDLING THROUGH.

"Manufacturer" writes in a Home paper as follows:—

The problem of demobilisation is the provision of jobs for men and work for the machines operated by them. It is not sufficient to gear the men to the machines. The machines must also be geared to the orders. During the war the machines have been enormously increased in number and in efficiency and this increase has developed the productive capacity of Great Britain beyond all the dreams of pre-war enterprise.

In order to keep the new machines employed it is necessary to expand our export trade swiftly and smoothly. We must enable our manufacturers to secure their full share of the orders in foreign countries, for which all the belligerents and all the neutrals are eagerly competing.

It is, therefore, urgently necessary to discover what our Government is doing to enable our industries to leap from war work into peace work. Is it trusting to the old policy of muddling through? Or is it using the best brains of the industrial world to make the process of industrial transition both rapid and efficient?

UNDERSTAFFED AND UNDERPAID.

There is in existence a Government Department which ought now to be humming with energy and initiative. It is the Overseas Trade Department. The business world is not satisfied with this Department. It is, on the contrary, profoundly dissatisfied with it.

The staff of the Overseas Trade Department, two months after the signing of the armistice, is ridiculously inadequate. The head of Department, with a salary of £2,000 a year, has under him two officials with £1,200 a year each and two with £700 to £800 a year. This is the Department which is expected to organise the recovery of a foreign trade, which amounted before the war to many hundreds of millions per annum. No great private business could be run efficiently with this meagre and underpaid staff. You cannot run an A1 department with a C3 personnel.

Both Allies and neutrals are eager to give their orders and place their contracts at once. Our manufacturers cannot get into touch with prospective foreign customers by means of their agents, because not only have their staffs been depleted by the war, but also ruling conditions make it difficult for private firms to trade abroad. Before the war in many countries British manufactures were exported through German agents. This must not occur again.

OUR GOVERNMENT MUST ACT.

Unless the Overseas Trade Department is strengthened, so that it can carry out a bold aggressive policy, much of our foreign trade will be captured by our Continental rivals and by the United States. We have no reason to fear competition if only our Government will act strongly with foresight and imagination. Five questions may be reasonably pressed:

Is the Overseas Trade Department adequately staffed?

Does its London staff include any able and experienced business man?

Are all its representatives abroad qualified by commercial experience to investigate the requirements of the different countries and to report to headquarters promptly so as to enable our manufacturers to act swiftly? Do these representatives possess the ability and the staff to enable them to advise us as to the requirements of the various countries and the present conditions and prospect of trade?

Is the Overseas Trade Department in touch with the manufacturers and traders of this country and their agents abroad? Is there harmony of working and full confidence between industry and officialdom?

Has the Overseas Trade Department presented to the Government any report with regard to its work?

Is the answer to all these questions in the negative? There is an absolute lack of organisation at home and abroad. The organisation ought to have been built up during the war. Nothing has been done. The Overseas Trade Department is a sham, and unless it is reorganised drastically and promptly it ought to be scrapped, for on its present lines it can only ensure our defeat in the world-competition for foreign trade.

INFORMATION WANTED.

It would be interesting to know what new appointments have been made since the department was formed. Let us have the names and the qualifications of the men. Is it the fact that the Commercial Attaches in our various Embassies in Allied countries have recently been asked to survey and report upon each group of trades and industries?

Is it the fact that no funds whatever are provided to pay for the work of obtaining the necessary information? Is it the fact that one Attache in each country is expected to deal with all the groups of industries in the country concerned, and that he has no assistance whatever except that of our notoriously underpaid and inexperienced Counsuls? There ought to be in each country an expert for each group of industries, and all these experts ought to work in each country under the direction of a Trade Commissioner, with the best possible qualifications.

Advisory committees from our various industries should be set up and attached to the Overseas Trade Department. These committees should assist in finding suitable men to represent the country abroad, should collect and collate information, and should be acquainted with all proposed schemes in order that they may offer constructive criticism.

AMERICA'S EXAMPLE.

Our rivals are not emulating our lethargy and inertia. The Americans are setting us a good example. Their activity, not only in the United States and South America, but also in devastated Europe, is magnificent in its push and go. The different countries swarm with American business men, who are securing orders for plant and machinery.

In one of the great European capitals our Commercial Attache is in poor health, and is forced to be absent from his duties for long periods. His staff at present consists of one typist. He has no funds to enable him to pay a staff. At one great Continental port the British Consul was, previous to his appointment, a librarian in the Foreign Office! Such men are worse than useless; they have not the power to get on; therefore let them get out. Appointments to our Commercial and Consular Services must no longer be regarded as the perquisite of hackneyed officials whom a grandmotherly Government won't sack, but wishes to lose sight of.

It is only fair to say that Sir Arthur Steel Maitland, the head of the Overseas Trade Department, is not altogether responsible for its impotence. He cannot make bricks without straw or get brains without paying for them.

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UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society, will be held at the registered office of the Society, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on Friday, the 25th day of April, 1919, at 12 o'clock noon, when the following resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society held on the 10th day of April, 1919, will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions:—

1. That the nominal silver capital of the Society as existing when this resolution was confirmed as a special resolution be converted into sterling and that such capital so converted be increased beyond the sterling equivalent of such silver capital when such conversion takes place to the sum of £2,000,000 Sterling divided into 200,000 shares of the nominal value of £10 each.
2. That each of the issued silver shares of the Society of the nominal value of £250 each with the sum of £100 paid up thereon be converted into five shares of the nominal value of £10 each with the sterling equivalent of £20 Hongkong currency at the opening T.T. rate of exchange on the date this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution credited as paid up thereon and accordingly that 50,000 shares out of 200,000 shares of the nominal value of £10 each constituting the capital of the Society so converted and increased be distributed by the Board to the persons who are registered as shareholders of the Society on the date this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution in exchange for the silver shares then held by them.
3. That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following, namely:—

By the insertion after Article No. 107 of the following Article.

EMPLOYMENT OF RESERVE FUNDS.
"107 (a). The Board may employ the funds of the Society which have been established pursuant to the provisions of Article 107 as any of them or any portion thereof (and that whether such funds or such portion as is proposed to be dealt with were set aside for the special purpose to which they are proposed to be applied or for any other purpose or not) in or for all or any of the following purposes, that is to say, in meeting contingencies, in equalising dividends, in paying special dividends or bonuses, in investing, improving and maintaining any of the property of the Society, or otherwise in the business of the Society, and in or for such other purposes as the Board shall in its discretion think conducive to the interests of the Society and in regard to any such employment as aforesaid the Board shall not be bound to keep the reserve funds of the Society separate from the other assets."

By the insertion of the following Articles after Article No. 102.

NOTES MAY BE SET OFF AGAINST CALL.
"102a (1). Any general meeting at which a dividend or bonus is declared or sanctioned may make a call on the members of such amount as the meeting may determine but so that the call on each member shall not exceed the dividend or bonus payable to him and so that notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 19, 20 and 21 the call may be payable at the same time as the dividend or bonus and the dividend or bonus may, if so arranged between the Society and the member, be set off against the call. The making of a call under this Article shall be deemed ordinary business of an ordinary general meeting which declares a dividend or bonus."

(2). After any resolution has been passed under the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Article the Board may arrange on behalf of the Society for the dividend or bonus to be set off against the call by authorising any person on behalf of the members from whom such call is due to enter into an Agreement with the Society providing for such dividend or bonus to be set off against such call and any Agreement made under such authority shall be effective.

(3). It shall be no objection to any resolution made under paragraph (1) of this article or to any call or arrangement that such resolution was passed or such call or arrangement was made at the meeting at which the resolution introducing this Article and Article 107 (a) was confirmed as a special resolution provided that due notice of the intention to propose such first mentioned resolution and to declare such dividend or bonus or to make such call shall have been given prior to the said meeting.

NOTES OR DIVIDENDS MAY BE PAID IN HONGKONG CURRENCY AT SUCH RATE OF EXCHANGE AS THE GENERAL MEETING SANCTIONING THE SAME OR, IN THE CASE OF INTERIM DIVIDENDS, AS THE BOARD MAY DETERMINE.

And the subjoined resolutions will be proposed as Extraordinary resolutions:—

1. That the difference between the sterling equivalent at today's opening T.T. rate of exchange of £20 Hongkong currency and the sum of £4 be called up upon each of the 80,000 shares of the Society of the nominal value of £10 each into which the silver shares of the Society have been converted.
2. That a bonus dividend equal in amount to such difference as is referred to in Resolution No. 1 be and the same is hereby declared out of the Reinsurance Fund of the Society, such bonus dividend being payable to the persons who are registered as the shareholders of the Society on the date this resolution is passed and that such dividend in the case of each of such persons be set off against the amount due from him for calls under Resolution No. 1 and be retained by the Society accordingly and that the Board be authorised to make the necessary entries in the books of the Society.
3. That 16,000 shares of the capital of the Society be issued additionally to the 80,000 shares referred to in Resolution No. 1 and that the sum of £4 be called up thereon and that such additional shares be offered in the first instance at a premium of £21 per share to the persons who are registered as the shareholders of the Society on the date this resolution is passed in the proportion of one additional share for each silver share previously held and upon the footing that the sum of £4 called up plus the £21 (making together £25 per share) shall be paid to the Society on acceptance of the offer, and that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which such persons are entitled and limiting the time within which the offer if not accepted by payment will be deemed to be declined to the 23rd May, 1919, and that the Board be empowered to dispose of the shares not taken up in response to such offer as they consider expedient in the interests of the Society.
4. That 16,000 additional shares referred to in Resolution No. 3 participate in all dividends declared after the next Annual General Meeting of the Society pro rata with the 80,000 shares referred to in Resolution No. 1.

Dated the 11th day of April, 1919.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
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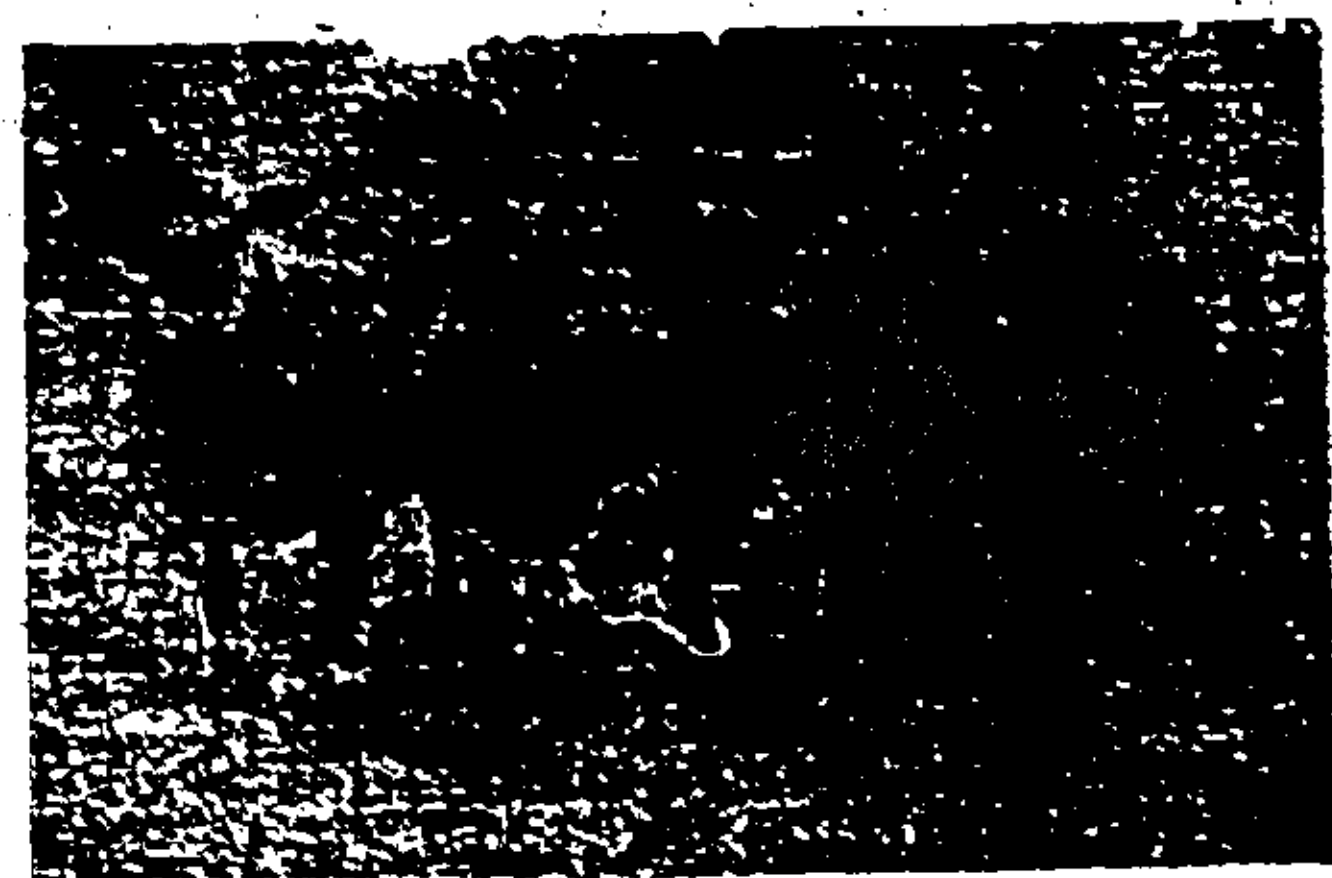


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